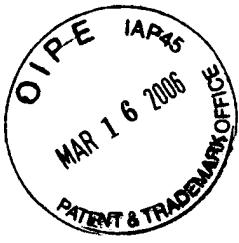


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In reply to the Office Action dated December 29, 2005, and pursuant to
37 C.F.R. § 1.111, Applicants respectfully request reexamination and reconsideration of
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